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**National Center for Environmental Assessment
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Notables listed below and 30-day Outlook attached.

IRIS Interagency Work Group. The next two meeting of the IRIS Interagency Work Group (IWG) will be held on September 14th and 25th. Per 2017 Congressional guidance, the IWG which is co-chaired by OMB/OIRA and EPA/ORD, will continue to evaluate the progress of IRIS in implementing the NAS recommendations. Additionally, the NAS will convene a public meeting in late 2017 to evaluate this progress and issue a consensus report in 2018. This report will inform the efforts of the IWG.

Clean Power Plan. NCEA scientists have been requested by the Office of Air and Radiation (OAQPS) to provide scientific and technical support and participate in a teleconference with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on the development of responses to OMB comments on analyses conducted to support the Clean Power Plan, specifically related to the particulate matter – mortality concentration-response relationship and whether a threshold exists and the scientific evidence for differential health effects by PM composition. Support is anticipated to be provided through September 15, 2017.

Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) support. On September 18 – 19th, the CASAC will convene a meeting to discuss the draft Risk and Exposure Assessment (REA) and draft Policy Assessment (PA) for the primary SO₂ NAAQS review. NCEA scientists will participate in this meeting in person to provide scientific background on the health effects of SO₂ exposure.

Region 4 Visiting NCEA Cincinnati. On September 20th, Dawn Taylor the Region 4 Technical Liaison will be visiting Cincinnati and meeting with the ORD Offices including NCEA staff.

She specifically wanted to meet with the Human Health and Ecological Technical Support Center managers as well as the lead for Provisional Peer Reviewed Toxicity Values (PPRTVs). Her goal is to learn more about the programs and services ORD provides that will be useful to Region 4.

Omaha Lead Superfund Site. NCEA scientists provided ongoing technical support for the recently finalized report evaluating the impact of removal and remediation activities at the Omaha Lead Superfund Site on blood Pb levels and academic performance measures. This report will be used to inform follow-up studies. NCEA scientists will continue to collaborate and provide technical support during the new phase of the project.

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